

Remarks

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-8 are amended.

Claims 2 and 5 are original.

Claims 9-12 are new.

The application now contains claims 1-12.

Claims 1, 7 and 8 are amended to incorporate more clear Markush language into the description of component (b) by changing the term "series" to "group", making the pigment classes listed plural and by twice deleting the term "and".

Claim 7 is further amended to more particularly point out the method claimed by changing the phrase " in which method a surface-coating composition is used that comprises" to " which method comprises the step of applying to the material a surface-coating composition comprising".

Claims 3, 4 and 6 are amended to remove multiple dependencies.

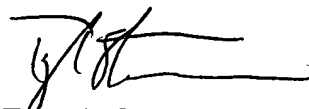
Claim 9 is added to distinctly claim application steps used to carry out the method of claim 7. Support is found in the specification in the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5.

Claims 10-12 are added to reclaim material deleted from claims 3 and 4.

No new matter is added.

Consideration of the present claims on their merits is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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